प्रचालनरत हैं, जो लगभग 500 पंचायतों को एल पी जी उपलब्ध करा रही है। यह रिपोर्ट दी गई है कि प्रत्येक पंचायत में 5-10 गांव होते हैं । इनमें से प्रत्येक गांव को लगभग 150 एल पी जी कनेक्शन प्रदान किए गए हैं।

(ग) और (घ) ऐसे सभी गांवों को शत-प्रतिशत सुपुर्दगी पूर्व जांचों के साथ एल पी जी सिलेंडरों की घर में सुपुर्दगी की जाती है जहां मोटर वाहन के जाने योग्य मार्ग है। जहां मोटर वाहन के जाने योग्य मार्ग नहीं है वहां सिलेंण्डरों की सुपुर्दगी, संबंधित गांवों के समीप सबसे सुविधाजनक स्थल पर स्थानीय प्रशासन द्वारा नियत पूर्व-निर्धारित सुपुर्दगी स्थल पर की जाती है।

Selling price of solvent and Naphtha

4086. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the selling price of Naphtha and Solvent in the country and the import duty and excise duty on these products, company-wise;

(b) whether Government have increased the selling price and excise duty on these products;

(c) if so, whether the import duties on the Naphtha and Solvent have also been increased;

(d) if not, whether this step would not give undue benefit to the private refineries/ distillation units of Naphtha; and

(e) the corrective steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) (i) The basic selling price exclusive of excise duty etc. of naphtha and solvent currently charged by the oil marketing PSU companies is as under:

Rs./SU

	Unit	IOC	BPC	HPC	IBP
Naphtha for solvent manufacturers	MT	16280	16280	16280	16280
Naphtha for others	MT	7072	7072	7072	7072
Solvent	KL	17000	17000	17000	—

(ii) The import duty and excise duty rates on naphtha and solvent are as under:

Import Duties

Naphtha Fertiliser — Nil

Naphtha General Uses— 4% + CVD 15%

Solvent — Basic Customs Duty 30%+Special Customs Duty 2% + Additional Customs Duty 4% + CVD 32%

Excise Duties

Naphtha Fertiliser	Nil
Naphtha General Uses	15%
Solvent	32%

(b) The selling prices of Naphtha and Solvent are decontrolled and are fixed by Oil Companies on Market considerations. While there has been no change in excise duty on Naphtha, the excise duty on solvent has increased from 20% to 32% in the Union Budget 1998.

(c) In the Union Budget 1998 special additional duty of customs at the rate of 4% has been levied on Naphtha (general uses) and Solvent.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Oil refinery at Bhatinda

4087. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to set up a Rs. 12000 crore oil refinery at Bhatinda by the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited has since been approved;